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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LOW CONFERENCE

REF: (A) STATE 23283; (B) STATE 29194; (C) STATE 23913;

(D) STATE 8673

SUMMARY: TALKS WITH MEA REVEAL FMG TENDING TOWARD
SUPPORT OF PRG PARTICIPATION IN LOW CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT REFTELS A, B AND C, EMBOFF
CONTACTED MEA DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT
ADENIJI FEBRUARY 1 AND FEBRUARY 3 TO DISCUSS FURTHER
FMG POSITION ON PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF PRG ISSUE AT
SECOND SESSION OF LOW CONFERENCE.

2. AFTER EMBOFF'S PRESENTATION, ADENIJI SAID THAT HE
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HAD REVIEWED PROCEDURAL MATTER WITH MEMBERS OF NIGERIAN

DEL WHO GOING TO ATTEND CONFERENCE (FULL DELEGATION NOT EXPECTED TO LEAVE BEFORE FEBRUARY 4TH DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, WITH AMBASSADOR TO SWITZERLAND CLARK PROBABLY ONLY REPRESENTATIVE UNTIL THEY ARRIVE). DISCUSSION RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER SECOND LOW SESSION WAS IN ACTUALITY CONTINUATION OF CONFERENCE. EMBOFF STRESSED THAT CURRENT MEETING WAS IN FACT CONTINUATION OF CONFERENCE AND THAT THEREFORE DECISIONS OF FIRST SESSION SHOULD BE UPHELD. ADENIJI, HOWEVER, WAS NOT SO SURE ABOUT CORRECTNESS OF SUCH AN INTERPRETATION AND SAID FMG POSITION WOULD HAVE TO BE DECIDED AT CONFERENCE. HE FURTHER SAID THAT, IN ANY EVENT, MATTER WAS NO LONGER PURELY PROCEDURAL BUT ALSO ONE OF SUBSTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW FACT THAT NIGERIAN MISSIONS ABROAD HAD ALREADY RECEIVED PRG REPRESENTATIONS TO SUPPORT ALGERIAN RESOLUTION ON QUESTION OF INVITATION.

3. IN LIGHT OF ADENIJI'S LAST REMARK, EMBOFF REHEARSED U. S. POSITION ON PRG, STRESSING IT COULD NOT BE CONSTRUED AS GOVERNMENT TO WHICH INVITATION SHOULD BE ISSUED. ADENIJI REPLIED HE FULLY AWARE OF U.S. ATTITUDES BUT SAID THAT PREVIOUS CONFERENCE DECISION TO ACCEPT PRESENCE OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS SETS PRECEDENT FOR ATTENDANCE OF PRG. SUCH POSITION JUSTIFIED IF IT IS EXPECTED THAT ENTITIES SUCH AS PRG OR LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE TO ABIDE BY DECISIONS OF CONFERENCE. ADENIJI ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRG WAS NOT GOVERNMENT AS SUCH BUT POINTED OUT THAT PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY RECOGNITION OF PRG. IN THIS CONTEXT, HE NOTED THAT PRG PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENTS DID NOT RESULT IN U. S. RECOGNITION. HE FURTHER DREW ATTENTION TO FACT THAT FMG DOES NOT RECOGNIZE EITHER SIDE.

4. COMMENT: WHILE ABOVE VIEWS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY ADENIJI AS BEING PERSONAL, THEY SUGGEST THAT FMG TENDING TOWARD SUPPORTING PRG INVITATION TO LOW CONFERENCE ON GROUNDS THAT THIS IS MOST EFFECTIVE WAY ENSURE PRG COMPLIANCE WITH ULTIMATE DECISIONS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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